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Comment: The following is a summary of an article which ap-
 peared in the May 1953 issue of the French Communist monthly period-
 ical Regards devoted to "Hungary at the Threshold of Socialism."

On Szabadsaghegy (Liberty Mountain) near Budapest, a "Republic of Pioneers"
 is being managed completely by children, with the exception of a few adult
 supervisors who remain in the background. Among the establishments run by
 youngsters are a laundry, printing office, motion-picture theatre, a library,
 and a post office where the switchboard is operated by a girl not yet 12 years
 old.

A 76-centimeter-gauge railroad runs on the grounds for about 20 kilometers. Ex-
 cept for the actual operation and maintenance of the locomotives, the trains are run
 entirely by the youngsters. The Pioneers selected for this duty are 10-14
 years old and must be among the top students in the Budapest schools. After
 a training period, they serve on the railroad for 6 hours every 10 days. The
 lost school day is made up for by good school work, since only continued high
 grades assure further duty on the trains.

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1. Location: Hungary, Szababsaghegy (mountain near Budapest)

Caption and Description: "Girl in Pioneer Uniform Standing at the Telephone
 Desk of a Railroad Station. The telephone is used for fast communication
 between stations"

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